

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 8-14, and 16-25 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 10-14 and 16-25 are cancelled, claims 1, 2 and 5 are amended, and no new claims are added.

35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 8-14, and 16-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 2,967,747 (Bus) in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,490,064 (Ducharme). Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's characterization as to the elements of Bus. Specifically, Bus requires the fastening devices (13, 14) to be secured together within the host structure 12 [Col. 3, lines 7-18]. The requirement that the two draw members (13, 14) be secured together within the bar (12) is not present in this application. Likewise, Ducharme discloses a connector member (15) that must be locked into place by a set screw (19). Here, the claims are directed to a locking body that slides within the support structure upon rotation of the cam. Thus the combination of Bus and Ducharme do not support the obviousness rejection. Nevertheless, solely to advance prosecution of the present application, and without any waiver or disclaimer of subject matter, Applicant has amended claims 1, 2, and 5 and canceled claims 10-14 and 16-25.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

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